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consisting of Nb, Ta, Mn, Fe, Al, B, C, Co, Cu, Ga, Ge, Ln (a variety of lanthanoid metals), N, Ni, P, and Si.

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11. (Amended) The process of Claim 9 wherein the predetermined time range at the aforementioned heat treatment is from 1 minutes to 100 hours.

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12. (Amended) The process according to Claim 9 wherein the element ratios are those described in Claim 1 regarding the hydrogen storage metal alloy products.

Please add new claims 13-21 reading as follows:

--13. The hydrogen storage metal alloy according to Claim 3 wherein the element X is admixed at its atom % concentration, d (at %), ranging within $0 \leq d \text{ (at \%)} \leq 20$, the atomic radius of which is larger than that of Cr but smaller than that of Ti.

14. The hydrogen storage metal alloy according to Claim 13 wherein the element X is at least one or more members selected from the group consisting of Al, Ge, Ga, Si, Au and Pt.

15. The hydrogen storage metal alloy according to Claim 3 wherein the element T is admixed at its atom % concentration, e (at%), ranging within $0 \leq e \text{ (at\%)} \leq 10$ and includes at least one or more members selected from the group consisting of Nb, Ta, Mn, Fe, Al, B, C, Co, Cu, Ga, Ge, Ln (a variety of lanthanoid metals), N, Ni, P, and Si.

16. The hydrogen storage metal alloy according to Claim 5 wherein the element X is admixed at its atom % concentration, d (at%), ranging within $0 \leq d \text{ (at\%)} \leq 20$, the atomic radius of which is larger than that of Cr but smaller than that of Ti.

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19. The process of Claim 10 wherein the predetermined time range at the mentioned heat treatment is from 1 minute to 100 hours.

21. The process according to Claim 9 wherein the element ratios are those
 bed in claim 5 regarding the hydrogen storage metal alloy products.--

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. New claims 13-21 have been added to further scope the claims. Applicant requests that the filing fee be calculated based on the claims as amended.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please

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